Narrative Writing Expectations from the Common Core Standards

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| **3rd Grade** | **4th Grade** | **5th Grade** | **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| **W.3.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.  a. Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.  b. Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.  c. Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.  d. Provide a sense of closure. | **W.4.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.  a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.  b. Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.  c. Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.  d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.  e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. | **W.5.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.  a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.  b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.  c. Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events.  d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.  e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. | **W.6.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.  a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.  b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.  c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.  d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.  e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. | **W.7.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.  a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.  b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.  c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.  d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.  e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. | **W.8.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.  a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.  b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.  c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.  d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.  e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. |